

I am OPPOSED to the Petition For Rule Making submitted by counsel for the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated (ARRL) received by the Commission 14 November 2005 and designated RM-11306. The ARRL petition asks the Commission to make sweeping regulatory changes that are unwarranted, unworkable, and unenforceable. These proposed regulatory changes, if adopted, would be severely disruptive to the amateur service and would not serve the public interest. I believe that the ARRL's petition is fatally flawed, and I respectfully request that the Commission reject said petition in toto.

This writer accepts the fact that one of the purposes of the amateur service is the advancement of the radio art, and that digital technology will drive many of the future advances in the art. The inescapable fact, however, is that stations using automatically or semi-automatically controlled digital modes simply cannot coexist with stations using conventional voice and CW modes in the same frequency space without severely degrading the ability of both stations to communicate. Separate and distinct segments must be allocated for digital modes and "human" modes, i.e., voice and Morse code telegraphy, in order to preserve reliable and efficient communication in the amateur service.

Respectfully,

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